



PICTURE BOOKS

Stories for reading aloud!

Inside Outside

by Lizi Boyd

Look through the windows and notice the changes as the year passes. *Chronicle, 2013*

Home

by Carson Ellis

Real, imaginary, faraway or around the corner, there's no place like it. *Candlewick, 2015*

Shh! We Have a Plan

by Chris Haughton

There's more than one way to catch a bird (and make a friend)! *Candlewick, 2014*

Pom and Pim

by Lena & Olof Landström

These two friends know how to look on the bright side. *Gecko, 2014*

Froodle

by Antoinette Portis

However you say it, this book is great! *Roaring Brook, 2014*

10 Minutes Till Bedtime

by Peggy Rathman

The familiar countdown is a whole lot more fun when a special tour comes through! *Putnam, 1988*

Abigail

by Catherine Rayner

Count on Abigail to have a good time with her friends. *Tiger Tales, 2013*

100 Things That Make Me Happy

by Amy Schwartz

Some of these will make you happy, too! *Abrams, 2014*

Construction

by Sally Sutton • illustrated by Brian Lovelock

Bing! Bang! Crash! Boom! What are they building? *Candlewick, 2014*

Blue on Blue

by Diane White • illustrated by Beth Krommes

Tucked safe inside on a stormy day, what could be more lovely? *Beach Lane, 2014*

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BEGINNING READERS

Books to read on your own!

Fix This Mess

by Tedd Arnold

Think getting a robot will get you out of cleaning your room? Think again! *Holiday House*, 2014

A Night at the Zoo

by Kathy Caple

What really happens at the zoo after the people go home for the day? *Holiday House*, 2014

Mice on Ice

by Rebecca Emberley & Ed Emberley

Skating on ice is nice for mice... and cats. Wait, what?!?! *Holiday House*, 2012

Spark

by Kallie George • illustrated by Geneviève Côté

Spark, a small dragon, can start a BIG fire. Will he ever learn to control it? *Simply Read*, 2013

The Worm

by Elise Gravel

Worms are so misunderstood. Be prepared to learn more and have a few laughs. *Tundra*, 2014

Joe and Sparky Go to School

by Jamie Michalak • illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz

School field trips are always fun—even for the animals! *Candlewick*, 2013

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa

by Erica Silverman • illustrated by Betsy Lewin

You'll chuckle 'til the cows come home with Kate and her friend Cocoa the horse. *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt*, 2006

A Trip to the Bottom of the World with Mouse

by Frank Viva

Exploring is more fun than ever with this homesick mouse and his adventurous friend. *Toon*, 2012

Let's Go For a Drive

by Mo Willems

Piggie and Gerald have ALMOST everything they need to set off on their next adventure. *Hyperion*, 2012

Mouse and Mole: Secret Valentine

by Wong Herbert Yee

What's better than a secret valentine? A secret valentine who's also your best friend!

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014

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FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS

Novels for newbies!

Owl Diaries: Eva's Treetop Festival

by Rebecca Elliott

Eva wants to plan the Spring Carnival by herself, but it's a LOT of work. *Branches/Scholastic, 2015*

Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel

by Nikki Grimes • illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

When a new student arrives at school, Dyamonde wonders why he acts so rude. *Penguin, 2009*

Princess in Black

by Shannon Hale & Dean Hale • illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Princess Magnolia has a secret job! *Candlewick, 2014*

Shelter Pet Squad: Jelly Bean

by Cynthia Lord • illustrated by Erin McGuire

Jelly Bean needs a new home—the Shelter Pet Squad is on the case! *Scholastic, 2014*

Space Taxi: Archie takes Flight

by Wendy Mass & Michael Brawer • illustrated by Elise Gravel

Archie learns some shocking news on Take-Your-Kid-to-Work Day. *Little, Brown, 2014*

Annika Riz, Math Whiz

by Claudia Mills • illustrated by Rob Shepperson

Annika's busy week includes the school carnival, a Sudoku contest, and teaching her dog math.

Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2014

The One and Only Stuey Lewis

by Jane Schoenberg • illustrated by Cambria Evans

A collection of second grade stories featuring candy, books, and soccer! *Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2011*

Yeti Files: Meet the Bigfeet

by Kevin Sherry

Mythological creatures are real—but their existence must remain a secret! *Scholastic, 2014*

Claude at the Circus

by Alex T. Smith

When the Shinyshoes leave Claude home alone, he goes on a wild adventure! *Peachtree, 2013*

Dragon Masters: Rise of the Earth Dragon

by Tracy West • illustrated by Graham Howells

The king recruits four children to be secret dragon trainers. *Scholastic, 2015*

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CHAPTER BOOKS

Fiction to sink your teeth into!

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

by Ian Fleming • illustrated by Ian Cunliffe

Can a magical car save the eccentric Pott family from evil criminals and MORTAL DANGER?

Random House, 1964

Fortunately the Milk

by Neil Gaiman • illustrated by Skottie Young

Many otherworldly (and hilarious) obstacles prevent Dad from a timely return with the breakfast milk.

Harper Collins, 2013

Spy School

by Stuart Gibbs

You've been recruited to the top secret CIA school, and trouble starts on day one! *Simon & Schuster, 2012*

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

by Chris Grabenstein

First challenge? Getting chosen to sleep over in the new library. Second challenge? Getting out!

Random House, 2013

Misadventures of the Family Fletcher

by Dana Alison Levy

The four Fletcher boys and their dads have a year of celebrations, changes, and fun. *Delacorte, 2014*

Turtle of Oman

by Naomi Shihab Nye

Aref's parents are moving to Michigan for three years, and they're dragging him along too. *Greenwillow, 2014*

The Boundless

by Kenneth Oppel

Yetis, circus performers, and ruthless villains are all aboard on this train's maiden voyage.

Simon & Schuster, 2014

Nuts to You

by Lynne Rae Perkins

An exciting and funny squirrels'-eye view of adventure, the importance of trees, and friendship. *Harper Collins, 2014*

Sugar

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

She may be an orphaned former slave, but Sugar is changing one post-Civil War plantation. *Little, Brown, 2013*

Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms

by Katherine Rundell

Forced to leave beloved Africa, Will has to survive boarding school and the London streets. *Simon & Schuster, 2014*

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INFORMATIONAL BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

True tales for reading aloud!

Gravity

by Jason Chin

A captivating and striking take on the concept of gravity perfect for youngsters. *Roaring Brook, 2014*

The Scraps Book

by Lois Ehlert

A behind-the-scenes tour of Lois Ehlert's life, books and artistic process. *Beach Lane, 2014*

It's Raining

by Gail Gibbons

An introduction to the rain-and-water cycle. *Holiday House, 2014*

Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World

by Steve Jenkins

This stunning explanation of animals' eyes is perfect for reading together. *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014*

The Iridescence of Birds: A Book About Henri Matisse

by Patricia MacLachlan • illustrated by Hadley Hooper

A lyrical look at the inspirations of Henri Matisse. *Roaring Brook, 2014*

Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos

by Stephanie Roth Sisson

An introduction to Carl Sagan, perfect for budding scientists and star gazers. *Roaring Brook, 2014*

Feathers: Not Just for Flying

by Melissa Stewart • illustrated by Sarah S. Brannen

An introduction to sixteen birds and the many uses of feathers. *Charlesbridge, 2014*

Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation

by Duncan Tonatui

A story of injustice, racism and the eventual desegregation of California Public Schools. *Abrams, 2014*

Malala: A Brave Girl From Pakistan/Iqbal: A Brave Boy from Pakistan

by Jeanette Winter

Inspirational stories of two child heroes standing up for freedom and education. *Beach Lane, 2014*

Mumbet's Declaration of Independence

by Gretchen Woelfle • illustrated by Alix Delinois

The story of Mumbet, a Massachusetts slave, who believed that everyone had a right to freedom. *Carolrhoda, 2014*

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FAMILY READ-ALOUDS

Books to read together!

The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp

by Kathi Appelt

Can two raccoons and a clever boy save the swamp from feral pigs and developers? *Atheneum, 2013*

The Penderwicks on Gardam Street

by Jeanne Birdsall

The four Penderwick sisters spend a busy year making discoveries about themselves and loved ones. *Knopf, 2008*

Welcome to Dog Beach

by Lisa Greenwald

Remy hopes for another perfect summer on Seagate Island, but changes may spoil everything. *Amulet, 2014*

Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch

by Anne Isaacs • illustrated by Kevin Hawkes

A wealthy widow, her Texas farm, and oversized EVERYTHING make for a raucous tall tale!

Schwartz & Wade Books, 2014

Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales

edited by Nelson Mandela

From Morocco to South Africa, tales of tricksters, clever animals, creation myths, magic, and wisdom. *Norton, 2007*

Homer Price

by Robert McCloskey

A pet skunk and a donut machine that won't stop making donuts—plus further adventures! *Viking, 1943*

Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters

by Donna Jo Napoli • illustrated by Christina Balit

With beautiful illustrations and masterful storytelling, your favorite Greek gods and heroes come to life.

National Geographic, 2011

The Mysterious Benedict Society

by Trenton Lee Stewart • illustrated by Ellis Carson.

Four children with unique talents sent on a mission. Can they work together? Will they succeed? *Little, Brown, 2007*

Saint Louis Armstrong Beach

by Brenda Woods

A young boy, a dog, and an old woman help each other during Hurricane Katrina. *Nancy Paulsen, 2011*

Animal Stories: Heartwarming True Tales from the Animal Kingdom

by Jane Yolen • illustrated by Jui Ishida

Animals! Brave, smart, talented, surprising, devoted, faithful—even talking! *National Geographic, 2014*

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FOLK & FAIRY TALES

Favorite traditional stories!

The Snow Queen

by Hans Christian Andersen, retold by Anthea Bell • illustrated by Yana Sedova
Can Gerda free her best friend Kay from this chilling spell? *Minedition, 2014*

Brave Chicken Little

by Robert Byrd
The sky is falling!? Chicken Little must save the day in this clever retelling. *Viking, 2014*

Nelly May Has Her Say

by Cynthia DeFelice • illustrated by Henry Cole
Take off your stompinwhackers and cozy up by the flaming pop-and-sizzle with this delightful tale. *Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2013*

The Bus Ride

by Marianne Dubuc
Find fairy tales and breaking news on Claire's first solo bus ride. *Kids Can, 2015*

Little Roja Riding Hood

by Susan Middleton Elya • illustrated by Susan Guevara
The surprises in this spirited bilingual retelling will keep readers laughing. *Putnam, 2014*

Hansel and Gretel: A Toon Graphic

by Neil Gaiman • illustrated by Lorenzo Mattotti
A spooky classic gets even creepier in this graphic novel version. *Toon, 2014*

A Bean, A Stalk, and A Boy Named Jack

by William Joyce • illustrated by Kenny Callicutt
When a regular kid and a magic bean put their heads together...things can happen. *Atheneum, 2014*

The Tortoise and the Hare

by Jerry Pinkney
Check out this gorgeous ode to the advantages of slow and steady! *Little, Brown, 2013*

Chukfi Rabbit's Big, Bad Bellyache: A Trickster Tale

by Greg Rodgers • illustrated by Leslie Stall Widener
Can Chukfi Rabbit skip the work, but still enjoy the feast? Told in the Choctaw tradition. *Cinco Puntos, 2014*

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs

by Jon Scieszka • illustrated by Lane Smith
That wolf's been telling his side of the story for 25 years. We're still laughing! *Viking, 1999*

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GRAPHIC NOVELS

Great stories in comic book style!

El Deafo

by Cece Bell • color by David Lasky

Join Cece navigating school, friends, and hearing loss to become El Deafo! *Amulet*, 2014

Jedi Academy

by Jeffrey Brown

Your guide to surviving Jedi Academy. May the force be with you. *Scholastic*, 2013

Lowriders in Space

by Cathy Camper • illustrated by Raul the Third

Will Lupe, El Chavo and Elirio have the hippest, hoppest, flyest car? ¡Por supuesto que sí! *Chronicle*, 2014

The Dumbest Idea Ever

by Jimmy Gownley

Follow Jimmy as his dumbest idea becomes his best. *Graphix*, 2014

Babymouse: Queen of the World

by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm

Introducing Babymouse! Star of her own life! *Random House*, 2005

Comics Squad: Recess!

edited by Jennifer L. Holm, Matthew Holm & Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Eight comic adventures about recess. *Random House*, 2014

Amulet

by Kazu Kibuishi

A mysterious house. A missing mother. Strange creatures. A fantastical journey. *Graphix*, 2008

BirdCatDog

by Lee Nordling & Meritxell Bosch

Who's the hero? Follow each character or read the complete adventure. *Graphic Universe*, 2014

Jellaby

by Kean Soo

What would you do if a huge purple monster showed up at your door? *Hyperion*, 2008

Dragon Girl: The Secret Valley

by Jeff Weigel

Dragons went extinct years ago. Or did they? *Andrews McMeel*, 2014

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INFORMATIONAL BOOKS FOR OLDER READERS

Factual books to read on your own!

Bugged: How Insects Changed History

by Sarah Albee • illustrated by Robert Leighton

The creepiest, crawliest historical facts you ever squirmed at. *Walker, 2014*

Can I See Your I.D.? True Stories of False Identities

by Chris Barton • illustrated by Paul Hoppe

You're in trouble. You need to be someone else for a while. *Dial, 2011*

How They Choked: Failures, Flops and Flaws of the Awfully Famous

by Georgia Bragg

Even great people sometimes make great big mistakes. *Walker, 2014*

Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines

by Paul Fleischman

Get the facts about strip mining, climate change, and endangered species. *Candlewick, 2014*

Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World

by Sy Montgomery & Temple Grandin

The differences in Temple's brain help her to understand how animals think. *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012*

Eruption! Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives

by Elizabeth Rusch • illustrated by Tom Uhlman

An international "volcano crisis team" gets up close with red hot lava. *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013*

Guys Read: True Stories

edited by Jon Scieszka

Daring escapes, thrilling adventures...they all really happened! *Walden, 2014*

A Kid's Guide to Awesome Duct Tape Projects: How to Make Your Own Wallets, Bags, Flowers, Hats, and Much, Much More!

edited by Nicole Smith

Crafters need to stick together! *Sky Pony Press, 2014*

Alice in Puzzle-Land: A Carrollian Tale for Children Under Eighty

by Raymond Smullyan

Solve mysteries in Wonderland, answer riddles, and separate truth-tellers from liars. *Dover, 2011*

Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles

by Tanya Lee Stone

The first African-American paratroopers fought more than just enemy soldiers. *Candlewick, 2013*

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FICTION

Don't miss these page-turners!

Crossover

by Kwame Alexander

Twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan are inseparable until a new girl shows up. *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014*

When Audrey Met Alice

by Rebecca Behrens

First daughter Audrey is lonely in the White House until she discovers Alice Roosevelt's diary. *Sourcebooks, 2014*

Artemis Fowl

by Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl is a teenage criminal mastermind who kidnaps a fairy for ransom. *Hyperion, 2001*

Among the Hidden

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

To be a third child in a society that only allows two can be dangerous. *Simon & Schuster, 1998*

Fish in a Tree

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally's dyslexia makes her a target for the mean girls. *Nancy Paulsen, 2015*

Rain Reign

by Ann M. Martin

Rosie has Asperger's syndrome, a dog named Rain, and more courage than she realizes. *Feiwel & Friends, 2014*

How to Steal a Dog

by Barbara O'Connor

Georgina steals a dog for reward money and finds herself in over her head. *Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2007*

Wonder

by R.J. Palacio

August Pullman is an ordinary 10-year-old with an extraordinary facial deformity. *Knopf, 2012*

Holes

by Louis Sachar

Stanley's been sentenced to dig meaningless holes in the desert—why? *Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1998*

Endangered

by Eliot Schrefer

Sophie visits the Congo, rescues a mistreated bonobo, and survives a brutal war. *Scholastic, 2012*

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POETRY COLLECTIONS

Check out these awesome verses!

Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat

edited by Nikki Giovanni

Get up and bounce to these poems with a CD to listen along! *Sourcebooks, 2008*

Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems

edited by Paul B. Janeczko • illustrated by Melissa Sweet

Delightfully brief poems with colorful, mixed-media illustrations. *Candlewick, 2014*

National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry

edited by J. Patrick Lewis

Animal poems by everyone from Ogden Nash to Naomi Shihab Nye with striking photographs. *National Geographic, 2012*

Now We Are Six

by A.A. Milne • illustrated by Ernest Shepard

Read these silly, classic poems by the author of Winnie the Pooh. *Dutton, 1927*

Hi, Koo: A Year of Seasons

by Jon J. Muth

Join Koo the panda in these alphabetical haiku for fall, winter, spring, and summer! *Scholastic, 2014*

Little Poems for Tiny Ears

by Lin Oliver • illustrated by Tomie DePaola

Rhymes for our littlest readers about high chairs, sneezing, peekaboo, and more! *Nancy Paulsen, 2014*

Popcorn Astronauts: And Other Biteable Rhymes

by Deborah Ruddell • illustrated by Joan Rankin

Gobble up these yummy poems for every season! *McElderry, 2015*

Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse

by Marilyn Singer • illustrated by Joséé Masse

These fairy tale poems take on different points of view when read forward or backwards. *Dutton, 2010*

Brown Girl Dreaming

by Jacqueline Woodson

Childhood memories of family and friends, aspirations, and achievements. *Nancy Paulsen, 2014*

Beastly Verse

edited and illustrated by Joohee Yoon

Brightly colored beasts jump out at you from the pages of this magnificent collection. *Enchanted Lion, 2015*

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AUDIO BOOKS

*Listening is reading too!
Try these outstanding productions.*

Frostborn

by Lou Anders • read by Fabio Tassone
Friendship unites two unlikely heroes in this frozen landscape of giants and dragons.
Random House/Listening Library, 2014

D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths

by Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire • read by Paul Newman, Sidney Poitier, Kathleen Turner & Matthew Broderick
An all-star cast breathes new life into a colossal collection of tales. *Random House/Listening Library, 2012*

Leroy Ninker Saddles Up

by Kate DiCamillo • read by Arthur Morey
This cowboy's ready for adventure—once he finds the perfect horse! *Random House/Listening Library, 2014*

Better Nate than Ever

by Tim Federle • read by the author
Dreams of performing on Broadway inspire a budding thespian to embark on an adventure.
Simon & Schuster Audio, 2014

Fortunately, the Milk

by Neil Gaiman • read by the author
Many otherworldly (and hilarious) obstacles prevent Dad from a timely return with the breakfast milk.
Harper Audio, 2013

Sleeping Beauty and Other Classic Stories

by Jacob & Wilhelm Grimm & Charles Perrault • read by Julia Whelan
Twenty time-honored tales celebrated with a theatrical performance. *Tantor Audio, 2014*

Lord and Lady Bunny—Almost Royalty!

by Mr. & Mrs. Bunny • translated by Polly Horvath • read by the author
Confectionary inheritance and royal ambitions reunite old friends. *Listening Library, 2014*

The Boundless

by Kenneth Oppel • read by the author
Yetis, circus performers, and ruthless villains are all aboard on this train's maiden voyage. *Brilliance Audio, 2014*

Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Human Rights

by Steve Sheinkin • read by Dominic Hoffman
A captivating account of a pivotal event in the Civil Rights movement. *Listening Library, 2014*

Brown Girl Dreaming

by Jacqueline Woodson • read by the author
Childhood memories of family and friends, aspirations, and achievements. *Listening Library, 2014*

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